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Cities' goal: Public, officer safety

By Taylor Messick

Area police departments have seen varying degrees of crime in their cities during the coronavirus pandemic. Each is adjusting to procedures to keep officers and the public safe.

Bel Aire Police Chief Dar-

rell Atteberry said he has seen a downturn in most crime reports from citizens. The department is still getting occasional calls for car wrecks and auto larceny, but not much else at the moment. Atteberry said one area that he has seen an increase in is the number of child custody disagreements.

"We have not seen as much as Wichita or some other surrounding communities, but there has been a slight increase for Bel Aire," said Atteberry. "Apparently, some people developed the thought that the governor's executive order created a situation where they did not have to abide

by the judge's orders. This is not the case. Those civil orders are still in place so custody (orders) and visitations still have to occur unless there is an agreement with the court that changes can be made."

Atteberry also said the department saw an increase in daytime

barking dog complaints immediately after the stay-at-home order was put in place. He said the department stopped handling barking dog complaints. The main reason for the move is that these situations put officers and citizens

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Easter, delivered



ABOVE: Because the city's Spring Festival was cancelled, the "Policeaster Bunnies" made deliveries to those who signed up at the Bel Aire Rec Center.

RIGHT: The Easter Bunny was at the rec center April 13 helping the staff package eggs for the "Policeaster drop-off."

FAR RIGHT: Bags of goodies were left at residences across Bel Aire.

Courtesy photos



Sunrise qualifies for national LifeSmarts

2020 competition cancelled

By Taylor Messick

Students from Sunrise Christian Academy performed well enough in a national consumer literacy competition to earn a chance to compete in the next National LifeSmarts Championship.

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, the in-person 2020 National LifeSmarts Championship was cancelled, but because of Sunrise's success this year, the team earned an invitation to compete at the 2021 National LifeSmarts Championship, which will be held in Cincinnati April 17 through 20, 2021.

"LifeSmarts participants from Sunrise Christian Academy have gained many of the consumer 'smarts' they'll need to make it in the real world," said LifeSmarts program director Lisa Hertzberg. "We're proud to crown the deserving teens from Sunrise Christian Academy as one of this year's Wild Card teams and hope to see them in

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Council approves new carpet at City Hall

Council member supports project, questions timing

By Taylor Messick

On April 21, the Bel Aire City Council voted 4-1 in favor of replacing the carpet in the administration area and the Senior Center at City Hall. The lower of the two bids was selected, which was Jabara Carpet Outlet at \$15,271.11. The council approved an amount not to exceed \$17,000 in case of unforeseen or variable costs.

Mayor Jim Benage said the carpet has not been replaced since City Hall was built in 2002. The 2020 budget includes \$40,000 for carpet replacement.

"We were originally just thinking about replacing the downstairs," said City Manager Ty Lasher. "The first floor is the worst, because it gets the most traffic. There are stains and the carpet is coming up and it's ripped so we budgeted \$40,000 hoping we'd have plenty to do the first floor. So when we got the bid ...

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Mayor's corner

By Jim Benage

The news is dominated by COVID-19, no reason to rehash any of that. The city has made two changes since last month.

•City council meetings are being conducted remotely through GOTO Meeting. They can still be viewed on YouTube, Facebook and the Cox Cable.

•Citizen input is still available, but it needs to be written and sent to the city clerk two hours before the meeting. The city clerk will then read your input at the meeting. My hope is that we do this for only a very short time. We need your involvement. That happens best by giving you all the access possible. Right now, we need to continue focus on getting the spread of the virus under control. That looks to be occurring but too early to tell at the time this article is submitted (April 17).

Bel Aire and CUA have been finding “flushable” wipes in the sewer lines. These have clogged our pumps. When that happens, it runs a high risk of backing up into your plumbing. These pumps cost \$60,000 to replace. Please disregard the labeling on the package when it says “flushable” wipes. Please DO NOT dispose of wet or “flushable” wipes into the sewer system. Place them in the trash.

On land sales, city council has been working on new realtor agreements. These were signed on April 7. We are looking for aggressive marketing. That may not go so well with the downturn in the economy. Hopefully, we can get the economy restarted quickly and not have as much of a lasting impact. There is going to be some lasting impact. How the economy functions will most likely change. Our challenge is to capitalize on that change so that it results in land sales in Bel Aire. These land sales are our best opportunity to reduce the debt service burden, which is 40 percent of the city budget.

Regarding Woodlawn, April 14, WAMPO approved the funding increase needed to do this project: five lanes 37th to the railroad tracks; three lanes from railroad tracks to 45th with a traffic light at 45th; 10-foot-wide walk/bike path on the west; 5-foot-wide sidewalk on the east. We may see utility work start in August. May not see real roadwork until next year.

Shred day on May 2 and Curb Side Clean Up from May 9 were both canceled. We are planning a shred day in October and a Curb Side Clean Up possibly this summer. The brush site was not open in April. Hopefully, we can have it open in May. Follow the Bel Aire website for updates.

Please be safe. Wash hands often. Practice 6-foot distance when outside your home. Wear a mask when outside your home. Let's continue to support each other while we go through this pandemic.

It is an honor to serve as your mayor.

Projects moving forward in Central Park

By Taylor Messick

Bel Aire city council approved a number of items last month related to Central Park's third addition.

The final plat for Bristol Hollows was approved Dec. 3 last year.

This is about 20 acres of land located on the south side of 53rd North between Oliver and Woodlawn. The developer created a plat for roughly 60 duplexes.

These will be townhome style duplexes and the development will have a homeowners association, uniformly maintained yards and other benefits. The Planning Commission reviewed the plat at its Nov. 14 meeting and recommended approval to the council.

A development agreement for the addition between the city and 3F2R Holdings LLC was

approved on April 7. Also approved at that meeting was a re-spread agreement. Some improvements were made when the development was planned as Chapel Landing. This item allowed those costs to be transferred to the Bristol Hollows project.

Petitions for Phase 1 of the development for stormwater, sanitary sewer mains, water mains and paving were accepted

by the council April 7. Resolutions of advisability authorizing drainage, paving, sanitary sewer and water main improvements were then approved.

A development agreement between the city and Nottingham Estates at Hunters Pointe LLC was approved on April 14 for Central Park 3rd Addition. Petitions and resolutions of advisability for paving, sanitary sewer mains and

water mains for Phase 2 of the additions were subsequently approved.

Nowak Construction won the sewer and water improvement projects. It bid \$135,455.50 for sewer improvements and \$62,462.60 for water improvements.

City Manager Ty Lasher said there are 32 lots in this phase and this means the city is no longer a developer in Central Park.

City enters marketing agreements

By Taylor Messick

On April 7, the Bel Aire City Council agreed to enter a pair of marketing agreements. The agreements are for land owned by the Land Bank and Public Building Commission.

The first agreement is with NAI Martens to mar-

ket a large portion of the city's property. The city requested proposals after its agreement with John T. Arnold expired. John T. Arnold declined to send a proposal this time but the city received four others.

“These agreements have some teeth in them,” said Mayor Jim Benage. “They have options in

them, so if we don't see activity, we have options.”

John T. Arnold had requested a couple of changes to the original version of its agreement. One requirement the city agreed to remove was the stipulation that a parcel must be sold every six months. The city also agreed to let the firm

report monthly instead of weekly. Either party can terminate the agreement at any time.

Council member Justin Smith stressed that the city should monitor NAI Martens' progress thoroughly. The agreement passed with a 4-0-1 vote.

The council unanimously approved another

agreement with Reece Nichols for 18 lots in Elk Creek. Benage noted that Nichols has a new home division and experience in the area. The lots were given to the city by the developer and bank. The city manager reached out to Nichols to see if he would be interested in marketing the residential lots.

Online meetings become city's new normal

By Taylor Messick

On April 7, the Bel Aire City Council took more steps to accommodate city council meetings during the COVID-19 outbreak. Some council members participated in the meeting via video.

The first item that was unanimously approved by the council was the suspension of city poli-

cies requiring members of the governing body to be physically present in order to have a quorum.

Staff cited “stay home” orders put in place by Kansas Governor Laura Kelly and Sedgwick County Health Officer Dr. Garold Minns. Three of Bel Aire's five council members participated in the April 7 meeting from their homes while the

other two, the mayor and city staff were present in the council chambers.

Also unanimously approved was the suspension of city policies and rules of order related to public comment during the COVID-19 outbreak. The governing body acknowledged that it is important that they don't cut the public out of the process — even if they are unable

to attend meetings. They have set up guidelines for those who wish to ask questions or raise concerns to the council while the coronavirus is a threat.

Public comments can be sent by email to the city clerk at least two hours before the start of a city council meeting. They can also be mailed but the city asked residents to make sure they are

received on or before the day of a council meeting. The city clerk will also look for comments on the city's webpage, YouTube and other online platforms that are explicitly for public comment during the meeting. She will read comments for a period of time not to exceed 15 minutes during the “citizens' concerns” segment of the meetings.

CHURCH HIGHLIGHTS

Christ Lutheran-ELCA

Christ Lutheran is at 53rd North and Hillside, across from Wichita Heights High School.

Worship services are held at 9 a.m. (contemporary) and 11 (traditional). Communion is offered at both services. Sunday School for all ages begins at 10:10 a.m.

For more information about the church and its activities, find us online at www.christ-lutheran.org, on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/CLCwichita/> or call 744-1242.

Chad Langdon is the pastor.

Church of the Resurrection

Church of the Resurrection (Roman Catholic) is located at 4910 N. Woodlawn in Bel Aire.

Masses for the Lord's day are 5:30 p.m. Saturday and 8:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday. Weekday masses are at 8 a.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

Resurrection Catholic School has students from preschool through eighth grade.

The parish/school website is www.resurrectionwichita.com, and the telephone number is 744-2776.

The Rev. Michael J. Schemm is the pastor.

Community Bible Chapel

Community Bible Chapel is located at the corner of 45th North and Auburn.

If you have any questions about our church, please call Amy Smith at 323-2819.

Cornerstone Christian

Cornerstone Christian Church is at 5531 E. 37th North, Wichita KS 67220-2037. The phone number is 686-0208.

Sunday worship is at 10:15 a.m. A nursery is provided.

Wednesday study groups at 6:30 p.m. include adult studies, youth and Awana.

Cornerstone Christian Church will host a free family fun event from 4 to 6 p.m. the third Saturday of each month. See you there.

Pastor is Jim Rackham, and youth pastor is Tate Strasner.

Gospel Assembly

Located at 4230 N. Oliver in Bel Aire, Sunday services are 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Prayer service is at 7 p.m. Tuesday.

Praise and worship is at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Youth activities are on the first Saturday evening of each month.

Phone number is 744-1502. The Rev. Gary D. Green is the pastor.

Greenwich United Methodist

Greenwich UMC at 5500 N. Greenwich Road is one mile south of K-254 and five miles north of 21st North.

Sunday worship is at 9 a.m. with Life Studies for all ages from 10 to 10:30.

Pastor Paula Scott is available at the church each Wednesday for prayer and fellowship.

United Methodist Women meet at 10 a.m. the first Wednesday of each month and host a church brunch quarterly.

Special events are announced on the church sign, Facebook and by mailings. Please call to be added to our mailing list or email shagemeister@sbcglobal.net.

Greenwich UMC missions support large local charities like Open Door, Grace Med or Youthville, as well as small charities like Flint Hills Therapeutic Riding Center and Wichita Children's Home, to name a few.

Like us on Facebook at Wichita Greenwich United

Methodist Church. Call us at 744-0203.

Kechi United Methodist

Located at 4533 E. 61st North in Kechi. Sunday worship is at 9:03 a.m. (contemporary) and 11 (traditional), with Sunday school at 10.

Bingo is at 1 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month.

Men's Bible study is at 6:30 a.m. Wednesdays.

Our pastor is Michelle Gowin. Find us online at www.KechiUMC.org and “Like” us on Facebook.

The church phone number is 744-1221.

LifePoint

A fellowship of the Assemblies of God, LifePoint is located at 400 S. Abilene in Valley Center.

Life University/Sunday school meets at 9 a.m., with Kids Church at 10:30. There is no regular Sunday night service. For special activities, check online at www.lpcag.org.

Wednesday evening's Launch children's program is at 6:30 p.m., with Velocity Student Ministries for youth meets at 7.

Adult small groups meet throughout the community.

Senior pastor is Steve Rains. Youth pastor is Jacob Soyez. Children's pastor is Nathaniel Thurman. Call the church at 755-2331.

Risen Savior Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod

Located at 6770 E. 34th North in northeast Wichita. You can reach us at 683-5538 or via email at postmaster@risensavior.net.

Sunday morning services in our Worship Center are at 8 and 10:30, with a nursery and Children's Church during the 10:30 service. We provide adult Bible classes and children's Sunday school beginning at 9:15 a.m.

Each month we provide options to participate in a variety of Bible studies, fellowship and service opportunities for all ages.

Find us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter — search RisenSaviorICT! Find out everything Risen Savior has to offer on our website www.risensavior.net.

Senior pastor is Tom Harmon. Assistant pastor is Nick Cordt.

Saint Michael Western Orthodox Christian

Saint Michael's Orthodox Christian Church is at 2710 E. 61st North, Park City.

It is a congregation of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America.

Worship with us Sunday Adult Class at 9 a.m., morning prayer at 9:45 a.m. and Holy Eucharist at 10 a.m., and Wednesday Holy Eucharist at 6 p.m.

Men's Bible study group meets at 7 p.m. on the first and third Monday.

Women's Bible study group meets at 10 a.m. on the second and fourth Friday.

Wednesday service is at 6 p.m.

Saturday Vespers are at 4:30 p.m.

The Very Rev. Dr. John Flora is archpriest and pastor. The Rev. Deacon Basil Anderson is assistant. Frank Tritschler is head chanter. Readers are James Finneran and Moses Rothenberger. Mrs. Sally Buxon is organist.

For more information call 734-6248 or go online www.saintmichaelorthodox-church.com. Email inquiries to jjflora@icloud.com.

Wichita Three Angels Seventh-day Adventist

Located at 4558 N. Hydraulic, Wichita.

Birger Draget is pastor. Sabbath school at 9:30 a.m. with worship service at 11.

For more information, go online at www.godscloset.com or on Facebook (Gods Closet - Wichita).

For God's Closet, call 778-0474.

Send your church's upcoming events and service times to legals@arkvalleynews.com or call 755-0821.

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HIGHLIGHTS

Local doctor graduates

Jessica Fisher, M.D., of Bel Aire, graduated March 20 from the KU School of Medicine—Wichita with her medical doctor degree. She will complete her residency training in pediatrics at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha, Neb.



Fisher

— The Breeze staff

Local student to play hockey

Braeden Thomas of Bel Aire accepted an academic and athletic scholarship to the University of Jamestown in North Dakota to play hockey.

The son of Scott and Kristy Thomas of Bel Aire, he attended Circle High School.

— The Breeze staff

Students in honor society

James Myose of Bel Aire and Savannah Peshek of Wichita were recently initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective all-discipline collegiate honor society.

Myose is a student at Kansas State University, and Peshek attends Drury University.

— The Breeze staff

Car hit by hand sanitizer

That's liquid gold. On March 23, a man reported to Bel Aire police that he was driving north in the 5600 block of North Oliver when another man threw something yellow at his car, hitting it.

The item was later identified as a small

container of liquid hand sanitizer.

— The Breeze staff

Roomies fight over tracking

The roommate didn't want to be tracked.

On March 27, Bel Aire police officers responded to a residence in the 3800 block of North Oliver, where there was a domestic dispute between roommates. They were fighting because one person was tracking the other with an app on a cellphone.

The female said that the male tried to force his way into a bathroom when she refused to give him the phone. Both denied physical confrontation. Both said that they would remain in the home and stay away from each other. Both were given information on eviction procedures.

— The Breeze staff

Police stop car on three wheels

It wasn't supposed to be a three-wheeler.

On March 29, a Bel Aire police officer saw a car traveling south on Woodlawn on three wheels. Normally cars have four wheels, so he took this as a clue and went to investigate.

The officer caught up to the vehicle in the 3800 block of North Woodlawn and made contact with the driver, who exhibited some signs of impairment. The officer determined the driver had been through a recent traumatic event, so he made sure the driver got home safely.

— The Breeze staff

Party erupts at complex

A party erupted into chaos at a Bel Aire apartment complex early March 31.

Police officers responded to a "shots fired" call made by an anonymous person in the 5600 block of North Lycee.

When they arrived, they discovered two females and a male arguing outside Building No. 1.

The male was the father of one of the females. He had just arrived and was stopping them from physically fighting. One of the females ran into her apartment and refused to come out. Her father convinced her to come outside, but she refused to talk to officers and would not let officers come inside her apartment. The woman's story changed multiple times.

Police said the problems started when several people decided to defy Gov. Laura Kelly's stay-at-home executive order and get together to have an all-night party. During the party, an argument started because the renter of the apartment could not find her phone. To keep a fight from happening, one of the males at the party put the woman in her room and held the door closed. The woman destroyed her room, breaking her own belongings and furniture, and kicking a hole in her bedroom door. When she got out of the bedroom, she went to her living room and started throwing household items at the people fleeing the party. The woman claimed someone took her phone and other items, but refused to search her apartment to see if the items were still there, police said.

The property manager was notified of the disturbance and the property damage in the apartment.

— The Breeze staff

Teen accused of stealing semi

A teenager was arrested after he the stolen semi truck he was driving got stuck.

On April 6, a Bel Aire police officer was told by a Wichita officer that an active runaway from Wichita might be in the Bel Aire area driving a stolen "construction vehicle."

The officer was in his vehicle parked at Sunrise Academy when he saw a

red semi traveling east on 45th. He attempted to stop the vehicle, but the driver did not pull over. The officer pursued the vehicle into Butler County.

The vehicle eventually became stuck in a ravine north of Benton and the driver was taken into custody.

The vehicle was stolen from a Bel Aire business, and a construction road grader left at the business had been stolen out of Wichita. The teenager was booked into the Juvenile Intake and Assessment Center on charges of felony theft, felony flee and elude, criminal damage to property, operating a commercial vehicle without a proper license, failing to maintain single lane and failing to signal.

— The Breeze staff

Guns taken from vehicles

Two handguns were stolen from two vehicles on the same day in Bel Aire.

On April 7, a man in the 5000 block of North Remington reported he found the center console open on his 2019 Chevy

Pickup. It was left open when the thieves who entered his unsecured vehicle found his unsecured handgun.

Later, a man in the 6700 block of East Summerside Place called police to report that an unsecured handgun was stolen from his unsecured vehicle parked at his residence.

— The Breeze staff

Teen on bike carries fake gun

Fake gun or not, the woman was frightened.

On April 9, a woman in the 5700 block of North Lycee called the Bel Aire Police Department to report that a teenager was riding around the apartment complex on a bike carrying a handgun. The weapon had no orange tip to indicate it was a toy.

The unknown teen threatened to kill the calling party. The caller was in fear for her life, police said.

The caller contacted police, and an officer responded to the scene and made contact with the teen, who was no longer displaying the weapon.

During the investigation, police discovered the weapon was actually a replica gun and not a functioning firearm. The teen was released to his parents. A serious conversation was had with the teen and the parent.

— The Breeze staff

53rd lift station getting rehab

The Bel Aire City Council unanimously approved a wet well rehab for the sewer lift station on 53rd Street on April 7. The city received two bids.

The sewer lift station includes a wet well which is basically a 1,200-gallon storage tank. When the tank is full, it is pumped into the gravity line which flows to the treatment plant in Park City. The lining of the wet well deteriorates over time.

Utility Maintenance Contractors had the winning bid at \$27,850. They were nearly \$10,000 below the other bid from Mayer Specialty Services. This lift station will also undergo a bypass in the future like the Rock Road station recently did.

— Taylor Messick

DEATH

ROBERT HASTY

Robert J. Hasty, 91, of Bel Aire, died April 8, 2020.



Hasty

He was born April 23, 1928, in Fredonia to Fred and Gladys (Mattix)

Hasty. He grew up on a farm near Fredonia before the family moved to Fort Dodge in 1940. He was an Eagle Scout and worked for Boot Hill Oil Company and Nickelson Super Service during high school. He graduated from Dodge City High School in 1946 and enlisted in the

U.S. Air Force in 1948. He served during the Korean War, working as a B-36 bomber mechanic, and achieved the rank of staff sergeant. He married Phyllis Thompson in Dodge City on July 29, 1951. After leaving the Air Force, he worked for Dillons and then sold life insurance. In 1958, he began a 25-year career with the Kansas Job Opportunity Service, retiring in 1993. He was a member of First United Methodist Church in Dodge City and in Valley Center after he and his wife moved there in 2009. He was on the board of director for the Western Kansas Mexican American Ministries for 20 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents and sisters Julia Hasty, Laura Nace and Ella Mae Clifford. Survivors include

his wife; daughter Diana (Bill) Rhiley of Wellington; sons Don (Phyllis) Hasty of Dodge City and Doug (Sara) Hasty of Sabetha; sisters Betty Hoff of Fredonia and Emma Faye Wilson of Montrose, Colo.; grandchildren Bill, Justin, Michael, David, Jordan, Rebekah, Emily and Melissa; and 14 great-grandchildren.

A private family service was held at Swaim Funeral Chapel, with private burial service and military honors at Maple Grove Cemetery, both in Dodge City. Memorials to the First United Methodist Church in Dodge City or the First United Methodist Church in Valley Center, in care of the funeral home. A public memorial service will be held at a later date in Valley Center.

Carpet

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Ted (Henry) and I were both very pleased with that because we were thinking that the \$40,000 budgeted would only do the first floor. So, with the \$15,000 getting that replaced, we may be able to actually look at getting the second floor done as well."

The city looked at commercial-grade carpet that comes in squares. This will allow the city to make future replacements a square at a time instead of replacing the entire carpet. The quoted prices include an extra number of carpet squares as replacements.

Council member Joel Schroeder said he has seen this carpet square replacement system before. He said the biggest issue is that when squares are replaced, they often look much newer and cleaner than the ones around them and stand out. He also said that he much supports freshening up City Hall with new carpet and paint. However, he wondered if this was the right time for the project.

"I am kind of in favor of tabling it for now," said Schroeder. "I think we should revisit it later with COVID going on. It's probably going to be fine, it's probably going to be no big deal and we're probably going to be approving this in a month. ... I'm just kind of wondering if we should just wait a little bit even though, in general, I am in favor of these kinds of improvements."

Lasher said he understood Schroeder's concerns. But he said that he felt the city got such a good price because of how slow business has been for this particular industry. He said the city could potentially miss its opportunity.

"I think that some of the reason we're getting it at the price we are is there is not a lot of work going on," said Lasher. "My concern would be waiting

two or three months, we're out of this and all of sudden everybody is saying 'we've been sitting around the house ... and this carpet's really in rough shape; let's call somebody and see if we can get some carpet put in. We've got money now because we're back at work and things like that. So, it may take a little longer to get it replaced and will the price be the same? I don't know. Councilman Schroeder made some great points and I'm comfortable either way council would like to go."

Council member Jeff Elshoff said he didn't view the purchase as an extravagant expense and said it would be a good time to get the work done with City Hall closed for a good price. Finance director Ted Henry said he was comfortable with the purchase. He the city

hasn't seen the effects of coronavirus on its finances yet, but believes Bel Aire will be affected differently than some because of the city's lack of retail presence. A great deal of the city's income comes from property taxes; that, along with the city's reserves, made him feel comfortable with moving ahead on the carpet project.

"The biggest thing we have is financial stability in our city," said Henry. "We have \$3 million in our reserves, which is about 50 percent of revenue. ... It's designed to ride the wave until we get to the next year. I've been on a lot of different calls and there are a lot of cities that aren't that fortunate. However, what we're doing as a staff is thinking a lot like Dr. Schroeder

was with every purchase we have. ... The reason that this carpet came up is, one, it was in our budget that we designed. There are a lot of rips that could potentially harm employees who trip. We get rated with our comp insurance every year, so that's another little element that we had to discuss when spending money on carpet. This is one of those things that we chose to go forward with at this time. There's a lot of things that I'm saying hey, let's wait a little bit on right now."

Council member Justin Smith said Henry is conservative with his estimates and that he felt better after hearing his comments. Schroeder reiterated that he supported the project. He said he still questioned the tim-

ing and was the lone vote against the motion.

In other business, the council:

- Unanimously approved the consent agenda and appropriations ordinance in the amount of \$326,281.91.

- Proclaimed April 24 Arbor Day.

- Unanimously approved a Development Agreement for the Central Park 3rd Addition between the city and Nottingham Estates at Hunters Pointe LLC.

- Unanimously accepted paving, sanitary sewer main and water main petitions for Phase 2 of Central Park 3rd Addition.

- Unanimously approved resolutions determining the advisability of making paving, sanitary sewer and water improvements to Phase 2 of Central Park 3rd Addition.

- Unanimously accepted bids of \$135,455.50 for sanitary sewer improvements and \$62,462.60 for water improvements in Phase 2 of Central Park 3rd Addition from Nowak Construction.

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City of Bel Aire



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Bel Aire Recreation

Rec Center staff is taking enrollment for some future activities after stay-at-home orders are lifted.

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Testing Information:

- Test needs to be completed annually and turned into the City of Bel Aire by June 1, 2020 with a \$5.00 filling fee.
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- All test/rebuilds must be completed by a certified tester/repair technician licensed in the City of Bel Aire.

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Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

General questions on COVID-19



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For more information on COVID-19 in Kansas, visit www.kdheks.gov/coronavirus. If you develop symptoms, please contact your local health department or KDHE's 24/7 Epidemiology Hotline at 877-427-7317.

BEL AIRE POLICE REPORTS

March 15 — Officer Crouse stopped a red Kia Soul for speeding in the 5100 block of North Oliver. The driver was cited for driving with a suspended license.

March 16 — Officer Manuel saw a red Pontiac Aura following his patrol vehicle close to the rear bumper in the 4700 block of North Rock Road. Manual stopped the vehicle and contacted the driver. The driver had a suspended driver's license. He was issued a citation.

March 16 — A Bel Aire resident in the 6000 block of East 47th North reported finding skid marks in his driveway and tire marks in his yard. The man had no vehicle or suspect description.

March 16 — Officer Smithwick saw a silver SUV traveling east on Woodlawn without headlights on. Officer Smithwick stopped the vehicle in the 4500 block of North Woodlawn and contacted the driver, who did not have a driver's license. Neither the driver nor the vehicle owner could locate insurance for the vehicle. The driver was issued a citation for driving without headlights and for driving with no valid driver's license and no proof of liability insurance.

March 16 — The Bel Aire Police Department received a report from the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services for a possible abuse case in the 6700 block of East 45th North.

March 18 — Officer Manuel was dispatched to assist EMS with a sick and combative patient in the 4300 block of North Edgemoor. EMS suspected the man's issues were affecting his mental state. EMS said the man was unwilling to go to the hospital but EMS determined it would be an involuntary transport. Sgt. Davis placed the man into protective custody without force or handcuffs. The man was transported without issue to Wesley Woodlawn.

March 20 — A worker in the 4900 block of North Tierra Lake Parkway reported a patient arrived to receive treatment. However shortly after arriving, the woman disappeared. The worker reported the woman reappeared on the west side of the building, and began yelling obscenities at other clients. The worker stated he did not wish to trespass the woman. However, he needed her to leave the property. Officers escorted the woman off the premises and her mother arrived and drove her away.

March 21 — A woman in the 4200 block of North Edgemoor reported her daughter went to see a friend, but she did not come back when told. The woman reported the friend refused to give the address where she lives. At the woman's request, the daughter was entered into the national database. Later in the day, the daughter returned home.

March 21 — A man in the 4300 block of North Edgemoor reported his ex-wife came over to pick up their daughter. The man did not feel comfortable having his daughter leave since people in the state were being quarantined for the coronavirus. Neither

could provide any documentation regarding any legal actions of custody involving their daughter. Both were instructed to speak with their attorneys regarding custody.

March 22 — A man in the 5100 block of East Ashton told police he received verbal threats of bodily harm to him and his family by phone call from a known person. The man did not provide any recording of the phone call, text messages or other relevant documented information.

March 22 — Officer Smithwick was dispatched to assist EMS regarding a seizure patient in the 3800 block of North Woodlawn. WPD Officers were on scene, and reported a woman was stopped behind a vehicle at the intersection of 37th and Woodlawn and suffered a seizure, causing her vehicle to bump the vehicle in front of her. The woman was transported to Wesley Medical Center.

March 23 — A woman in the 6500 block of East Rodeo reported her son-in-law was trying to get in her residence. The son-in-law then reported his mother-in-law refused to return his children to him. The mother-in-law did not have any legal paperwork stating she had custody, and there were no indications the children were in danger leaving with their parents. The children were relinquished to their parents and left the residence.

March 23 — A man was driving north in the 5600 block of North Oliver when a white male threw something yellow at his car, hitting it. The item was later identified as a small container of liquid hand sanitizer.

March 23 — The Wichita Police Department located a damaged fence at Empire Wall Structures while investigating a burglary at the Circle Greenwich Elementary on North Greenwich. The officers arrested four runaways from a group home at 9525 E. 45th North who had broken into the school. One of the runaways also admitted to unlawfully entering the gated perimeter of the Empire Wall business and using a lift machine to damage the west fence of the business.

March 27 — Officers responded to a domestic dispute between roommates over one subject tracking the other via an app on their cell phone in the 3800 block of North Oliver. The female said that the male tried to force his way into a bathroom when she refused to give him the phone. Both denied physical confrontation. Both said that they would remain in the home and stay away from each other. Both were given information on eviction procedures.

March 28 — A woman reported a vehicle belonging to her son was stolen while parked on the street in front of their residence in the 5500 block of East Falcon.

March 29 — Officer Steele saw a car traveling south on Woodlawn on three wheels. Normally cars have four wheels, so he took this as a clue and went to investigate. He caught up to

the vehicle in the 3800 block of North Woodlawn and made contact with the driver, who exhibited some signs of impairment. Steele determined the driver had been through a recent traumatic event so he made sure the driver got safely home.

March 29 — An employee at the Catholic Care Center in the 6500 block of East 45th North refused to leave the care facility property after being told to leave by the head nurse at the facility. The man was defiant and did not want to leave. During his defiant outburst, the man made physical contact with the head nurse, who was attempting to block the employee from going into other parts of the facility. The man's employment was terminated and he was trespassing from the property.

March 30 — Officers responded to a call of a domestic violence disturbance in the 5800 block of East Danbury. The disturbance was between an adult man and his parents. The parents listened to officers explain how to get protection-from-abuse and eviction orders. The son was calm and left the residence to get another place to stay.

March 31 — Officer Manuel and other officers responded to a "shots fired" call with an anonymous calling party in the 5600 block of North Lycee. When they arrived, they discovered two females and a male arguing outside building No. 1. The male was the father of one of the females. He had just arrived and was stopping them from physically fighting. One of the females ran into her apartment and refused to come out. Her father convinced her to come outside, but she refused to talk to officers and would not let officers inside her apartment. The woman's story changed multiple times. The problems started when several people decided to defy Gov. Laura Kelly's stay-at-home executive order and decided to get together to have an all-night party. During the party an argument started because the renter of the apartment could not find her phone. To keep a fight from happening, one of the males at the party put the woman in her room and held the door closed. The woman destroyed her room, breaking her own belongings and furniture, and kicking a hole in her bedroom door. When she got out of the bedroom, she went to her living room and started throwing household items at the people fleeing the party. The woman claimed someone took her phone and other items, but refused to search her apartment to see if the items were still there. The property manager was notified of the disturbance and the property damage in the apartment.

March 31 — A man reported an original manufacturer's catalytic converter had been removed from his vehicle by an unknown person in the 6300 block of East Crestmark.

April 1 — A man in the 4400 block of North St. James Place reported unauthorized activity on his credit card. Suspects are known, but the charges occurred

in Wichita.

April 1 — A woman in the 5600 block of North Lycee reported that an unknown subject threw a paving stone into the front windshield of her vehicle. The paving stone also bounced back and caused damage to the hood. Another paving stone was thrown into the rear window causing the window to break. She does not know who may have caused the damage and has not had problems with anyone.

April 2 — A residence in the 4900 block of North Woodlawn was discovered with an unsecured garage door. No occupants were located inside. No items appeared removed or out of place. Officer Crouse was unable to contact the owners via phone. The house was secured prior to departing.

April 2 — Officers were sent to check on a subject believed to be bi-polar and on methamphetamine in the 4000 block of North Farmstead. The man was reportedly acting out of control. Officers made contact with the man who said he is living with family and just likes to be alone, which they don't understand. He denied being suicidal or wanting to harm others. The family wants him to get help for his drug use. They were given resource information.

April 3 — A woman was driving east on 53rd when she went off the roadway, drove through a barbed wire fence, and drove into a field in the 5300 block of North Greenwich. She turned around in a field, ran through a barbed wire fence again and tried to get back onto the roadway. The vehicle got stuck. The woman called 911 to report the incident. When Officer Smithwick contacted the driver, the woman was slurring her words, her eyes appeared to be bloodshot, watery and glazed over, and the woman was swaying back and forth. The woman refused standard field sobriety tests. Karlyn M. Bradford of Wichita was arrested on a charge of DUI.

April 4 — A woman called 911 to report a man lying in the street in the 3800 block of North Parkwood. While waiting for the police to pull up, the unknown man was placed into a vehicle and transported to the hospital. During the investigation, it was discovered the man fell off his bike and struck the curb. The man's brother took him for medical treatment.

April 4 — A foster parent in the 4300 block of North Mission reported a foster child ran away from home with another foster child from another location.

April 6 — Officer Manuel was told by a Wichita police officer that an active runaway from Wichita might be in the Bel Aire area driving a stolen "construction vehicle." Manuel was parked at Sunrise Academy and saw a red semi traveling east on 45th. Manuel saw the vehicle commit traffic offenses. He attempted to stop the vehicle, but it did not pull over. Manuel pursued the vehicle into Butler County. The vehicle eventually became stuck in a ravine north of Benton and the

driver was taken into custody. The vehicle was stolen from a Bel Aire business and a construction road grader left at the business had been stolen out of Wichita. The teenager was booked into the Juvenile Intake and Assessment Center on charges of felony theft, felony flee and elude, criminal damage to property, operating a commercial vehicle without a proper license, failing to maintain single lane and failing to signal.

April 7 — A Wichita police officer asked Officer Manuel to go to a residence in the 5000 block of North Hampton to contact a person to see if she knew where her vehicle was. When the person was contacted, it was discovered that her vehicle had been stolen from her driveway. The keys to the vehicle were left in the center console and the doors to the car were unlocked. The thieves wrecked the vehicle and abandoned it at 4000 N. Webb. Officers checked and found the suspect in an auto theft from earlier in the week was home in bed.

April 7 — A man in the 7300 block of East Gabriel reported an attempted theft of a 2008 Toyota Tundra. The man reported no property had been removed from the vehicle.

April 7 — A man in the 5000 block of North Remington reported he found the center console open on his 2019 Chevy Pickup. It was left open when the thieves who entered his unsecured vehicle found his unsecured handgun that he left in the vehicle.

April 7 — A man in the 6700 block of East Summerside Place called the Bel Aire Police Department to report an unsecured handgun being stolen from his unsecured vehicle parked at his residence.

April 7 — A woman in the 8500 block of East Chris reported that her boyfriend threw a pack of frozen meat and struck her in the face, causing her upper and lower lips to bleed. The man said he did not throw anything and he did not touch the woman. He just wanted her out of the house. The man claimed the woman stuck herself in the face with the package of meat. Sgt. Davis reviewed the camera footage from inside the house, and there was no evidence of the man throwing anything at the woman. Both refused to leave the house.

April 8 — A man in the 5100 block of North Peregrine reported a child custody dispute by telephone involving his ex.

April 9 — A woman in the 5700 block of North Lycee called the Bel Aire Police Department to report that a teenager was riding around the apartment complex on a bike carrying a handgun. The weapon had no orange tip to indicate it was a toy. This unknown teen threatened to kill the calling party. The caller was in fear for her life. The caller contacted police and Officer Gibson responded to the scene and made contact with the teen, who was no longer displaying the weapon. During the investigation, Gibson discovered the weapon was actually a replica gun and not a func-

tioning firearm. The teen was released to his parents. A serious conversation was had with the teen and the parent.

April 9 — A woman from the 4300 block of North Edgemoor went to the Bel Aire Police Station to get assistance with an order regarding getting her child back from her ex-husband. Officer Gibson checked on the court order to see if it had been filed with the district court. It had not. The woman was going to work on getting the order filed with the court so it would be enforceable.

April 9 — The clerk at Dollar General in the 4500 block of North Woodlawn saw a man expose himself in the aisle where she was working. The male left the store. Staff provided a copy of the store video and the man was later identified with help from local law enforcement. A warrant is being drawn for his arrest.

April 10 — The Bel Aire Police Department received a called from a woman in the 4300 block of North Edgemoor in reference to serving an ex-parte order against her child's father. She was attempting to get her daughter. This time the order was signed and filed. Officers contacted the woman's ex-husband who turned over the child to his ex-wife without further incident.

April 9 — The Bel Aire Police Department got a fax from the Newton Police Department about a domestic battery that took place in Bel Aire on April 6. The incident was reported in Newton. A woman said she threw a Styrofoam cup of water at her husband. He, in turn, grabbed the woman by the hair and jerked her backwards. The woman said she elbowed her husband and he punched her in her left side. Investigation of the conflict is ongoing.

April 12 — Officer Manuel took a report over the phone from a man in the 5600 block of North Lycee who reported that he bought a PlayStation 4 on the Let-Go app. Despite red flags about the transaction and the deal that seemed too good to be true, the man made the deal. The suspect took the man's money and gave him a box with a broken Xbox inside.

April 12 — A woman in the 5600 block of North Lycee called 911 to report her boyfriend broke her phone. The woman was not cooperative with officers. She said she set her phone down, went to the bathroom, came out and found her phone was broken. The phone wasn't really hers as she was borrowing it from another person. Both the woman and the man were intoxicated and not cooperative. Due to lack of evidence of a crime, the man agreed to have a relative take him to stay somewhere else for the time being.

April 13 — A U.S. Postal worker flagged down Officer Steele and turned in a set of she found keys lying next to the community mailbox at Cambridge and Central Park Avenue. No name or any identifiers were on the keys. The keys were submitted as found property at the Bel Aire Police Station.

Virus

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at risk by putting them in direct contact with one another for minor situations.

"Most of the callers wanted the officers to contact their next-door neighbors about the barking issue," said Atteberry. "All of the callers just wanted the barking to stop, but didn't want to talk to their own neighbor. This puts the officer in a bad situation. What we have seen through many years of experience is that this causes more conflict between neighbors."

Atteberry said bringing officers into these situations often sours relationships between neighbors. People tend to get offended when a neighbor sends the police to their home to handle an issue like a noisy dog. Atteberry said it seems like most would rather receive a direct phone call from their neighbor than a visit from the police.

"We have asked that barking dog complaints be handled in a calm and neighborly way with the owners of the animals," said Atteberry. "If the dog is barking at night, we can get information during business hours to give the owner a call."

The dogs may or may not be barking more than they were before. Atteberry said more people are at home so more people are noticing the barking. But he also said that the dogs might not be used to all the commotion during the daytime. He asked neighbors to be patient and civil with one another during these trying times.

"We have also explained to many callers that since they are working from

home, they are now more aware of what happens in their neighborhoods most days when they are at work," he said. "The dogs are not used to the new level of activity in the neighborhood and are barking at the new activity. We have received positive feedback from people who have been willing to contact their neighbors about the noise situations. Nearly all situations have been resolved with understanding."

To further ensure the safety of officers and community members, Atteberry has mandated that officers wear personal protective equipment during calls for service. There are procedures in place for officers to dispose of their PPE after it has been used. The department also has cleaning supplies to sanitize vehicles and work stations. A work station was set up just inside the front door of the police station for officers to check their temperatures and sanitize their hands and equipment before entering.

Calls for service have been limited and most reports are being taken over the phone. That includes minor traffic crash reports. Officers have been instructed to keep a safe distance from citizens during calls. Fingerprinting for professional licensing and tours of the police department have been halted for the time being.

By phone

Park City Police Chief Phil Bostian said the crime statistics in his town haven't shifted drastically. Traffic citations are down, but traffic, in general, is down. Bostian said it is hard to tell at this point if

the coronavirus situation has created a shift in crime trends.

"We haven't seen real broad trends," said Bostian. "We've seen certain thefts that have gone up. We're seeing more of the catalytic converter theft. Even that is more of a broad trend in the metro area, in general. But they recently took one from the bus at our senior center and officers that were working overnight caught them. We've had other suspects we've stopped or we've seen ... and it's pretty obvious that they're doing this."

Bostian again said that this is a trend that has been going up in the Wichita area as the worth of catalytic converters has increased. He said it is hard to tell if the coronavirus has had a specific effect on the trend. Bostian said the same can be said about other types of crime. He said he believes it is too early to tell what kinds of effects on crime trends the virus is having.

"This is such a short window," said Bostian. "We really have variations in a lot of these crimes from month to month. We've seen what seems to be a little bit of a bump in domestic violence but we'll see bumps in that anyway. So it's probably premature for me to say that it's due to what's going on with coronavirus."

Bostian said his department is taking more reports over the phone to try to minimize contact with citizens. He said that is a difficult task to navigate because he recognizes the importance of officers responding to certain situations in person. But he said sacrifices have to be made to keep officers safe.

"I think that in a smaller community like this, people kind of like to see us," said Bostian. "There are a lot of things we could normally take by phone that we don't. Just because sometimes you get information you weren't expecting when you are there. But that's kind of a luxury we can't afford right now. If we can take it by phone, we're going to because we just need to minimize exposure of our officers. We're a smaller department and it wouldn't take much ... if we had one person who was simply diagnosed, that would probably put several more in quarantine. We could very rapidly see our personnel depleted."

Park City officers also have access to PPE and are using their judgement on when to wear it. Officers are doing their best to maintain social distancing but there are situations and calls where that isn't possible. Bostian said there have been situations where officers have had to risk exposure to help someone in need.

"There are times when they simply can't," he said. "I'm thinking of a recent arrest of a person — it was a violent domestic dispute. Officers basically had to jump out of their cars as soon as they got to the scene. They could hear the fight going on inside the house and it was just a really violent situation, so they couldn't put on all of that until things slowed down a little bit. ... The slowest thing (to put on) is usually the gloves. You could (put on PPE) in 30 seconds, probably. But sometimes that 30 seconds is the difference between life and death."

People who have been

arrested are being asked to wear masks while in police custody. Cleaning police vehicles and equipment has been contracted for certain situations. An officer recently had to enter a man's home in a Tyvek suit for a welfare check and found that he was extremely ill. The man refused to be transported for medical treatment and the officer's equipment and vehicle had to be decontaminated without knowing whether or not the man had the virus. Officers are also doing what they can to help keep the department stocked with cleaning supplies.

"We've had to scrounge," said Bostian. "We've sent staff to stores when they're off. And maybe they've limited it to where you can only buy one of whatever we need. So, we've had three or four people buying things that are really for the department. Everything online is out of stock. So it's no different than what everybody else is facing."

The Park City Administration Building is closed, and the police department's record staff is working from home. Bostian said anyone needing to speak with a Park City police officer is welcome to try to call the office at 744-2011, but no one may be available to answer. He said the best way to reach a Park City officer for the time being is to call 911, whether it's an emergency or not.

"This is a hard thing to get people to understand and I realize why it's difficult," said Bostian. "They've heard the message over and over — don't call 911 unless it's an emergency. You hear this on the Fourth of July and New Year's Eve. We kind

of have to give them the opposite message, which is call 911 even if it's not an emergency. ... We don't have a dispatcher here in the building, so 911 is our dispatch and that's the best way to reach a Park City officer."

Bostian said he has been involved in weekly meetings with other local police chiefs, Sedgwick County Emergency Management and the health department. He said getting updates and sharing information has been helpful while monitoring the situation. Another bonus of the extra communication is that departments have been sharing supplies with others in need.

Social distance

Kechi Police Chief Jessie Woodrow said "crime or lack thereof in Kechi has remained low." She attributed that in part to officers in town remaining visible during the crisis. Officers have also made an extra effort to limit their direct contact with the community by taking as many reports as possible over the phone.

The police office remains closed but Woodrow encouraged citizens to call 911 to have an officer dispatched. Officers will attempt to maintain the six feet of distance recommended by the Center for Disease Control. They also have PPE available when it is not possible to maintain social distancing. "We realize that this is a stressful time for everyone," said Woodrow. "We are looking forward to being able to interact with our citizens in the near future."



Courtesy photo

The cast and crew of Sunrise Christian Academy's production of "Hello, Dolly!" gather for a photograph on stage.

Small school makes big splash

By Jessica Oldenettel

Nestled among the trees, on the north side of 45th Street, sits a school known as Sunrise Christian Academy. This school is no stranger to the spotlight, with its many athletic success stories. However, what many may not know are its many successes on the stage as well.

For 26 years, Sunrise has produced high-quality drama productions and for the last 18 years, since the founding of the Jester Awards Program, Sunrise has received nominations every year.

On the weekend of March 14th, Sunrise performed its spring musical, "Hello, Dolly!" with Grace Harmon as its leading actress. A favorite in the theater world, "Hello, Dolly!" is the story of

Dolly Levi, a matchmaker, who involves herself in the lives of Horace Vandergelder (Josh Kelley) and Ambrose Kemper (Zach Garraway).

"Hello, Dolly!" is filled with hilarity and romance and was presented well by the Sunrise Drama Department — so well that they received 13 Jester nominations, the most of any participating school.

The Jester Awards Pro-

gram was created by Music Theatre Wichita as a way "to honor excellence in high school musical theater." The highlight of the Jester Awards Program is the awards ceremony that takes place each spring.

The 2019-20 season of the Jester Awards includes 48 schools that competed in 25 different categories. While this year's ceremony will be broadcast

May 3, online, the "Hello, Dolly!" cast and crew will be in their homes, watching and listening. They'll be sitting in anticipation as the winners are announced in the categories of Leading Actress, Supporting Actor, Ensemble/Chorus, Overall Production, Production Number, Technical Achievement, Scenic Design, Stage Crew, Artistic Guest, Sound Design, Lighting

Design, Costume Design and Program Design.

Whether they win or not, members of the "Hello, Dolly!" cast and crew can walk away knowing they have contributed to the legacy of excellence that is the Sunrise Christian Academy Drama Department.

Jessica Oldenettel is a student at Sunrise Christian Academy.

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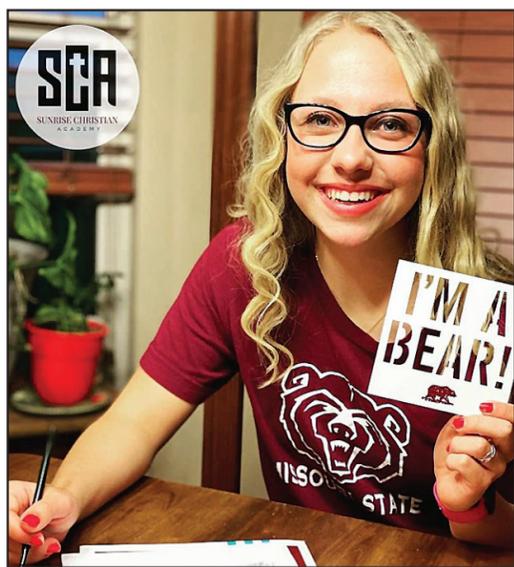
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Cincinnati next year." LifeSmarts, a consumer education competition that challenges teens in grades nine through 12 about personal finance, health and safety, the environment, technology and consumer rights and responsibilities, is a program of the National Consumers League (NCL).

The Sunrise team was coached by Peggy O'Donnell, who said this group of students was dedicated.

"It's not every year you get to go to state," said O'Donnell. "But I've been doing this for 18 years and we've never gotten an invite to nationals. This group stuck together and they've used their spare time. They were really bummed that they weren't in the top nine in the state last year to get invited to Wichita State. So they had one more year and they worked. It was exciting."

On top of the already rigorous schedules most Sunrise students face, the group decided to take on some additional work. O'Donnell said the team of five seniors formed back when they were freshmen because one of the students, Peyton Eckhart, expressed interest. The members of the team studied topics covered in the LifeSmarts competition and took frequent practice quizzes to prepare for monthly competitions. O'Donnell said the subject matter is tough and goes



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Peyton Eckhart, who was part of the LifeSmarts team, also recently signed to accept a Presidential Scholarship at Missouri State.

beyond what students learn in a normal curriculum.

"Everyone is welcome to join, but a lot of students will quit after the first couple weeks," said O'Donnell. "They meet with me every Friday during their break and also take practice quizzes on the website every day during their free time. After school most of these kids have cross country, theater — you name it. It takes dedication because a lot of these things you would not know a lot about. There are questions over recycling, technology,

consumer rights and a lot of other things students might not understand. So a lot of it is just them doing the work on their own and learning."

O'Donnell said it's unlikely that the team will be able to congregate at next year's national competition since all of the team members will be in college. But she doesn't want their hard work to go unnoticed and knows that they will be better off for the knowledge they gained while preparing for LifeSmarts over the last four years.

"They have missed out on so much," said O'Donnell. "We were supposed to fly home from Washington, D.C., yesterday. They've basically missed their last quarter of school and it's been aummer for these seniors of 2020. But I want to recognize this group because they made it. They are a very special group."



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The Sunrise team, coached by Peggy O'Donnell, includes Kaitlyn Lumbert (captain), Peyton Eckhart, Henry Cheatum, Jared Hershon and Joshua Kelley. All are seniors.

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